

Reclamation Programs Support Economy and Jobs in 2010

In a U.S. Department of the Interior report on June 22, 2011, that highlighted the economic contributions of its programs, the Bureau of Reclamation was found to contribute \$55 billion to the economy and support about 476,000 jobs.

The return on investment for Reclamation is quite substantial. In 2010, Reclamation's budget was \$1.13 billion and returned that amount over 48 times to the American people.

Highlights from the report include:

	Value (\$ millions)	Estimated Economic Impact (\$ millions)	Estimated Jobs Impact (jobs)
Hydropower	2,506	5,113	19,891
Irrigation	12,652	38,876	267,988
M&I Water	2,200	5,346	78,479
Recreation	2,281	6,074	49,660
Total	19,639	55,409	415,978

Reclamation also provided over \$32 million in grants and payments in 2010. These resulted in an estimated economic impact of over \$63 million and an estimated 580 jobs.

Reclamation dams also reduce the damage caused by floods. In 2010, Reclamation dams were found to reduce an estimated \$1.2 million in flood damages.

To learn more, you can read the report: [The Department of the Interior's Economic Contributions](#).